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1. IN ADDITION TO BRIEFINGS REQUESTED IN REF LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE REQUESTED BRIEFINGS BY STATION ON PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THESE SUBJECTS WERE MORE PROPERLY HANDLED BY CORDS AND MACV. LATER THEY ADDED PHOENIX TO THEIR REQUEST. SUGGEST THAT AS YOU SEE FIT THEY BE DIRECTED TO THE RIGHT QUARTER ON THIS ONE AS WELL. STATION BRIEFINGS ON POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. ~~DO NOT RPT NOT BRIEF ON~~ ~~AVOIDING OF COURSE~~ OPERATIONAL OR POLICY MATTERS.

2. BOTH LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE ARE FORMER FSOs, GENERALLY HARD CHARGERS AND MILDLY DOVISH. ACCORDING TO ONE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT IS TO

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TO [OBTAIN AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN VIEW
 OF WHAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS TO BE INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE
 FROM STATE AND DOD. OBVIOUSLY THEIR INTERESTS ON THE GROUND
 WILL BE A GREAT DEAL LESS BLAND AND MUCH MORE SEARCHING
 THAN THE LOW-KEY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR TRIP WOULD SUGGEST.

END OF MESSAGE

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